



## Change of Term Dates

Please note that there is a change to the last day of term in term 6. The previous date was Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, however the government has regulated for a reduction in the 2021-22 school year of one teaching day to compensate for the fact that the additional Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday will fall in the Spring Bank break at the end of term 5. We can confirm that that last day of school for pupils is **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**. Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July is an inset training day for staff only.

## Head of Department News

Independence in Everything. This is our new Secondary Department motto and you will see throughout this newsletter, just how hard our pupils have been working towards this goal. Whatever the lesson, the pupils are challenged to work on their own to the best of their ability. Whether that is learning to cycle a two-wheeled bike, performing a song or talking in front of a camera. The pupils are learning that it is ok to fail, but the important thing is about having the confidence to start again in order to succeed.

**Russell Walker**  
**Head of Secondary**

## Headteacher News

In our staff meetings for the College and Secondary departments, we have been doing some training on The Teenage Brain. This has required us to think about our own experiences as teenagers (for some of us that was a long time ago!) and how we can apply this to our young people at Warmley Park. We have looked at the changes that take place during the teenage years including why teenagers are more prone to risk taking, and why they need more sleep.

We considered what choices we made and where our influences came from. A number of us didn't face the social media and online pressures that teenagers today experience, but were there was peer pressure, a need for our identity, development of our attitudes, and the power of role models and those who inspired us. We wrote down the advice we would give to our teenage self, and these are some of the responses:

- You will find your way, but this may take some time.
- Make friends with people who respect your choices.
- Don't be afraid to be different
- Accept help
- Enjoy every opportunity that comes your way
- You can ask for help if you need it
- Be more confident



## Term Dates

**Term 1: 01.09.21 – 22.10.21**

**Term 2: 01.11.21 – 17.12.21**

**Term 3: 04.01.22 – 18.02.22**

**Term 4: 28.02.22 – 08.04.22**

**Term 5: 25.04.22 – 27.05.22**

**Term 6: 06.06.22 – 21.07.22**

## Inset Dates 21/22

**02/09/21**

**03/09/21**

**28/02/22**

**03/05/22**

**21/07/22**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January -**

**6<sup>th</sup> February – National Story Telling Week**

**February – IEP meeting dates TBC**



Here are Thyme class pupils presenting their first ever weekly news show. The pupils had to research the content, present, edit and broadcast the item within the morning. Rolling news is a tough game!! Watch Ava, Austin, Ella and the rest of the class at:

[https://twitter.com/warmleypkschool/status/1486745656484151305?s=20&t=k3k\\_0dOJxoDbe1omnO8gOw](https://twitter.com/warmleypkschool/status/1486745656484151305?s=20&t=k3k_0dOJxoDbe1omnO8gOw)



## Creativity



Move over Ed Sheran, the Lavender Boys will be taking over!!! You can watch Jason, Cam and Jaylen jamming and putting together their first songs on Twitter:

[https://twitter.com/warmleypkschool/status/1481705343096872964?s=20&t=k3k\\_0dOJxoDbe1omnO8gOw](https://twitter.com/warmleypkschool/status/1481705343096872964?s=20&t=k3k_0dOJxoDbe1omnO8gOw)







### Community Spirit



Sorrel class would agree that it is good to be back out in the community and for their Service section of the WPS Adventure Challenge they decided that they would help keep the local area free of litter.



### Fitness

This term, Lavender and Coriander pupils have been developing their cycling skills at the Bristol Family Cycling Centre (Hengrove). It has been fantastic to see the pupils challenge themselves. Some pupils have mastered riding a trike independently while others have bravely learnt to ride a two-wheeler.



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